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Company, FEDERAL GRAND JURY'S REPORT.

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The investigations by the Federal inquisition into the alleged election frauds came unexpectedly to an abrupt ending yesterday afternoon when, at 2:30 o'clock, sixteen of its members returned a majority report. Following is the report presented to Federal Judge Dole and is self-explanatory in itself:

"To the Honorable Sauford B Dole, Judge of the United States District Court, Territory of Ha waii.

"Sir: The special Grand Jury, empanelled, sworn and charged by you on the twelfth day of December, 1904, having concluded its duties, beg to submit here with the following report:

"The United States District Attorney produced no witnesses to testify in the investigation of election matters before the jury, stating that no complaint had been laid before him; and all witnesses appearing before this jury were summoned at the request of members thereof.

"There were twelve witnesses summoned who gave testimony before the Grand Jury.

"After examining the witnesses testifying it is the finding of this Grand Jury to that there was no evidence produced which would warrant the indictment of any person for violating the Federal laws at the late election; that is, Sections Nos 5403, 5404, 5408 and 5508 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, mentioned in your charge to this Grand Jury on December 12, 1904.

"Signed: J A Gilman, CG Ballentyne, E R Bath, Wm O Atwater, E B Carley, J A McCandless, Geo C Watt, Fred L Waldron, J P Winne, J P Cooke, Saml G Wilder, C M V Forster, Geo K Kais, S N Hundley, Chas Butzke, Henry Lancaster."

Upon its being filed and the reading thereof concluded, three jurors were excused so that they could return to their respective business. They were S N Hundley, Geo Watt and E B Carley.

Suez Canal Traffic.

Some interesting facts concerning the size of and the traffic through the Suez canal are presented by the Newark [N J] Advertiser. It is said: "The Suez canal is 92 miles long, and cost \$102,750,000; 3,450 ships, of 8,039,106 tons net, passed through the Sucz canal in 1903, yielding \$14,770,081in dues. Nearly95 per cent of the vessels were enabled to steam at night through the canal owing to the general use of the electric light. As to the nationality of the vessels, the English were 2,394, German 294, French 184, Dutch 188, Austro-Huogarian 78, Italian 63. Norwegian 38. Turkish 33. Spanish 17, Russian 35. Portuguese 2. Egyptian 1, Japan ese 6, Guatemalan 1, United States wa sh ps and yachts 16 '

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